

Kennedy Probe Figure Freed on Robbery Count

Vernon W. Bundy Jr., a key witness in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the slaying of President John F. Kennedy, was cleared today of armed robbery and theft charges.

Bundy was released by Criminal District Judge Frank J. Shea after a preliminary hearing. He said there was insufficient evidence to hold Bundy for trial.

He had been held in \$50,000 bond on an armed robbery count and \$750 bond in a theft case.

Bundy, 29, Negro, of 4039 Athis ct., was arrested Jan. 8 and booked with the Christmas Eve robbery of Harry Alexander, 70, Negro, of 728 N. Prieur, and the Christmas Day theft of \$25 from Elaine Leary, 32, Negro, of 2226 Du-maine.

Bundy testified last year he saw Clay L. Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald together during the summer of 1963. Shaw, charged with criminal conspiracy in Kennedy's death, denies he knew Oswald.

The criminal sheriff's office said Bundy is still in Parish Prison pending the arrival of release papers.